s17 Geometric Series Exam (Practice v19)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a = 556, common ratio $r = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{1/10}$, and n = 10 terms.

$$S = 556 + 540.23 + 524.91 + 510.03 + 495.56 + 481.51 + 467.86 + 454.59 + 441.7 + 429.17$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS = 540.23 + 524.91 + 510.03 + 495.56 + 481.51 + 467.86 + 454.59 + 441.7 + 429.17 + 417$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 7 + 7(3) + 7(3)^{2} + 7(3)^{3} + \cdots + 7(3)^{84} + 7(3)^{85} + 7(3)^{86} + 7(3)^{87}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.